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PART – I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 20th July, 2021

No. 111 SW(3).— The Governor of Haryana is pleased to frame “**HARIHAR**” (**Homeless, Abandoned and Surrendered Children Rehabilitation Initiative Haryana**) Policy for providing Educational, Financial and Employment benefits to the Abandoned and Surrendered Children who have completed the age of 18 years from the Child Care Institutions of the State and were abandoned before the age of 5 years or surrendered before the age of 1 year.

This Policy shall come into effect from the date of issue of the notification and will substitute earlier ‘Jyotirgamaya’ Policy notified vide no. 449-SW (3) dated 30.05.2013.

Objectives:

1. To provide Free School and Higher Education including Technical Education, Skill Development & Industrial Training and After Care Stay, Rehabilitation and Financial Assistance upto the age of 25 years or marriage whichever is earlier to the Abandoned and Surrendered Children who were admitted to Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered), who have completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institutions and have obtained admission in such courses. One-time interest free loan for purchase of a house in Haryana State at the time of marriage will also be granted to the beneficiaries covered under this policy.
2. To provide Jobs on compassionate ground and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) status to Abandoned and Surrendered Children, who were admitted to Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) and who have completed the age of 18 years in Child Care Institutions, upto the age of 25 years, and who possess the required qualification.

Definitions under the Policy:

1. **Abandoned:** Abandoned under this Policy means a child found abandoned whose parents, guardians, relatives could not be traced despite making due inquiry and admitted to the Child Care Institution before the age of 5 years and declared abandoned by the Child Welfare Committee (as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015) or as per the rules prevailing at that time and has completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institutions.

2. **Aftercare:** Aftercare means making provision of support including financial assistance, boarding, lodging and training etc. to the Abandoned and Surrendered Children who were admitted to Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) and who have completed the age of 18 years in the Child Care Institution but have not completed the age of 25 years and have not been married.
3. **Child Care Institutions:** Child Care Institutions means Children Homes and Specialized Adoption Agencies established or maintained, in every district or group of districts, by the State Government, either by itself, or through a voluntary or non-governmental organization, and are registered as such under Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.
4. **Child Welfare Committee:** Child Welfare Committee means a committee constituted by the State Government under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015 to deal with Children in need of Care and Protection.
5. **District Approval Committee:** District Approval Committee means the committee headed by Deputy Commissioner that will consist of Additional Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Chairperson of Child Welfare Committee, District Programme Officer, District Social Welfare Officer and District Child Protection Officer.
6. **Guardian:** Guardian in relation to a child means his natural guardian or any other person having, in the opinion of the Child Welfare Committee or, the Juvenile Justice Board, the actual charge of the child, and recognized by the Committee or, the Board as a guardian in the course of proceedings.
7. **Surrendered Child:** Surrendered child under this policy means a child who is relinquished by the parents or guardian to the Child Welfare Committee, on account of physical, emotional and social factors beyond their control and admitted to the Child Care Institution before the age of 01 year and declared as surrendered by the Child Welfare Committee after due inquiry (as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2000/2015) or as per the rules prevailing at that time and has completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institutions.

Benefits & Eligibility under the Policy

1. **Free School and Higher Education including Technical Education, Skill Development & Industrial Training and After Care Rehabilitation and Financial Assistance:**

Abandoned and Surrendered Children upto the age of 25 years who were admitted to the Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) and have completed the age of 18 years while living in Child Care Institution will be provided Free School and Higher Education including Technical Education, Skill Development & Industrial Training along with hostel facilities in Government and Government-Aided Institutions and will be offered After Care stay and rehabilitation. In case an Abandoned and Surrendered beneficiary in After Care gets job on compassionate ground, his/her salary will be deposited in a Fixed Deposit account and withdrawal will be allowed after attaining the age of 25 years or marriage or opting out of After Care whichever is earlier by such beneficiary. Such person will get upto 20% salary as advance from his/her own monthly salary per month for his/her living expenses and will not be eligible for financial assistance. Those persons in After Care, who have not been appointed in a Job, will receive financial assistance for their rehabilitation equivalent to the Social Security Pension (Disability Pension) of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department as notified from time to time by the State Government. One-time interest free loan from Nationalized Bank for purchase of a house in Haryana State will also be provided to the beneficiaries who are covered under this policy at the time of marriage. Suitable notification will be issued by the School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education, Skill Development & Industrial Training and Women & Child Development departments for implementation of these provisions for Free Education and Financial Assistance.

2. **Jobs on compassionate ground and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Status:**

Abandoned and Surrendered Children upto the age of 25 years who were admitted to the Child Care Institutions before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) and have completed the age of 18 years while living in the Child Care Institutions and who fulfill the basic educational qualification are proposed for jobs on compassionate grounds in group "C" and "D" category and the Status of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) under Haryana Government, after recommendation by the District Approval Committee chaired by Deputy Commissioner. The beneficiary can avail the benefit of EWS status and Jobs on compassionate ground only once. Necessary notification about this will be issued by the Chief Secretary, General Administration Department, Haryana.

The Procedure for availing these benefits will be as under:—

1. Deputy Commissioner will be the Patron for Abandoned and Surrendered Children/Person under this Policy who were admitted in Child Care Institution before the age of 05 years (as Abandoned) and before the age of 01 year (as Surrendered) and will be responsible for ensuring their Aftercare and Rehabilitation upto the age of 25 years. The Deputy Commissioner will make necessary arrangements for boarding, lodging and other facilities under Aftercare in the concerned district in any Educational Hostel/Government Guest House/any other suitable institution for these beneficiaries. Further, he shall act as a Guardian of such children and may perform their wedding rituals (*Kanyadaan*) in case of marriage of the beneficiaries.
2. Cases of Abandoned and Surrendered Children who are eligible for benefits under the Policy and having requisite qualification living in Child Care Institutions, will be put-up by the concerned In-charge of the Child Care Institution to District Child Protection Unit alongwith an undertaking that all eligible cases have been taken up. It will be the responsibility of the District Programme Officer to ensure this.
3. In case of any Abandoned and Surrendered Children who have completed the age of 18 years and are eligible for benefit under this Policy and presently living outside the Child Care Institutions may directly apply to the concerned District Programme Officer in the district where his/her Child Care Institution was located alongwith the relevant details including proof of residence in a Child Care Institution, educational qualification, domicile certificate etc. District Programme Officer will conduct the inquiry and verification of their cases with the assistance of Police and other agencies as required.
4. The Cases of eligible Abandoned and Surrendered Children who have completed the age of 18 years under this Policy will be submitted to the District Approval Committee by the concerned District Programme Officer and District Child Protection Officer after proper scrutiny of the records. A Certificate of being Abandoned or Surrendered will be issued to the beneficiary by the concerned District Programme Officer after approval by the District Approval Committee for availing benefits under this Policy.
5. The Cases of Abandoned and Surrendered beneficiaries found eligible under this Policy for jobs will be recommended by District Approval Committee to the Women and Child Development Department, who will further send their cases to the Chief Secretary, General Administration Department for implementation. Ineligible cases will be rejected with valid reasons.
6. The District Approval Committee will maintain detailed proceedings of scrutiny as well as whole record of proposed Abandoned and Surrendered Children under this Policy and its decision with reasons.
7. In case of any complaints or grievances in connection with according status of Abandoned, Surrendered Children under this Policy the Appellate Authority will be a committee chaired by Administrative Secretary, Women and Child Development Department consisting of Director General, Joint Director Administration, Joint Director ICPS and Assistant District Attorney of the Department.
8. The job on compassionate grounds for the abandoned and surrendered beneficiaries under this policy and its notification under EWS category will be implemented by the General Administration Department and will be monitored by Women & Child Development Department.
9. The Benefit of Free School and Higher Education including Technical Education, Skill Development and Industrial Training for Abandoned and Surrendered beneficiaries under this Policy will be provided by the concerned Departments of School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education and Skill Development and Industrial Training by issuing Notifications/Rules. The benefits of After Care and interest free loan will be provided by Women and Child Development Department.

Chandigarh:
The 20th July, 2021.

RAKESH GUPTA,
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Women & Child Development Department.